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SUBJ: HUNGARIAN TRADE MISSION VISITS QATAR

1. HUNGARIAN TRADE MISSION VISITED QATAR NOV 2-5 AS PART OF WHAT WE GATHER IS REGIONAL TRIP ALSO INCLUDING KUWAIT AND ABU DHABI. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS, OPENING OF EXHIBITION HERE WAS ATTENDED BY HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT. EXHIBITION WAS SPONSORED BY PRIVATE QATARI COMPANY OWNED BY MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND COMMERCE SHAYKH NASIR BIN KHALID AL THANI AND WAS HELD IN THE COMPANY'S SHOWROOMS.

2. EXHIBITION FEATURED WIDE RANGE OF GOODS AND EQUIPMENT INCLUDING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY, FOODSTUFFS, HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT. DURING VISIT TO EXHIBITION BY EMBOFF, THE TWENTY OR SO HUNGARIANS VISIBLE OUTNUMBERED VISITORS. THE HUNGARIANS, WHO ACCORDING TO LOCAL NEWS REPORT WERE BUSINESSMEN AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICIALS, SHOWED LITTLE INITIATIVE IN APPROACHING VISITORS OR DESCRIBING EXHIBITS.

3. ACCORDING QATAR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL, HUNGARIANS HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INITIALLY REQUESTED CHAMBER TO HOST VISIT. OFFICIAL SAID CHAMBER

POLITELY DECLINED SINCE IT IS NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE OFFICIAL DEALINGS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. OFFICIAL ADDED THAT CHAMBER HAD REFERRED HUNGARIANS TO MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND COMMERCE WHERE MINISTER FOUND WAY OUT OF PROBLEM BY DIRECTING ONE OF HIS PRIVATELY OWNED COMPANIES TO HANDLE VISIT.

4. IN WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN BLOOPER ON PART OF LOCAL PRESS, DOHA ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY SAID CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT WOULD INAUGURATE EXHIBITION. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL SAID THIS WAS NOT RPT NOT CASE AND STRESSED THAT CHAMBER HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH VISIT.

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